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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to paper no. 08302003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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Claim 1 and the claims which depend thereon are allowed since claim 1 recites a jig for a quilting machine of the type having a sewing machine movably mounted on a table, a stationary gear fixedly connected to jig body, a pinion gear engageable with said stationary gear for orbital movement thereabout, and a stylus securable to said sewing machine.

Claim 11 and the claims which depend thereon are allowed since claim 11 recites a jig for a quilting machine of the type having a sewing machine movably mounted on a table, a stationary gear fixedly connected to a jig body, a set of interchangeable pinion gears of varied diameters, any selected one of said set being receivable on a lower end of a shaft and engageable with said stationary ring gear, and a stylus connectable to the sewing machine so as to extend downwardly therefrom.

Claim 17 and the claims which depend thereon are allowed since claim 17 recites a jig for a quilting machine of the type having a sewing machine movably mounted on a table, a stationary gear fixedly connected to a jig body, a set of interchangeable pinion gears of varied diameters, any selected one of said set being receivable on a lower end of a shaft and engageable with said stationary ring gear, and a stylus connectable to the sewing machine so as to extend downwardly therefrom.

The patent to Valeriote et al (U.S.P. 6,860,211) is cited to disclose a guide for a quilting machine to enable the formation of curved patterns in which a stylus that engages template slots is affixed to a sewing machine causing the machine to form a stitching pattern according to a specific pattern determined by the template.


Kamal (U.S.P. 4,273,059) discloses a profile guide element for a sewing machine which may translate along perpendicular directions.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter P. Nerbun whose telephone number is 571-272-4992. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (1st Week) M-Th (2d Week).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J. Calvert can be reached on 571-272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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